

# **First Presbyterian Church**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
126 S. Church St., Bowling Green, OH 43402

## *The Celebration of the life of*



***Elizabeth C. Uhlman***

***August 6, 1926 - October 9, 2024***

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**WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION  
AND  
SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING  
FOR  
THE LIFE OF ELIZABETH C. ULHMAN  
August 6, 1926 – October 9, 2024**

**Saturday, October 19, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

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**PRELUDE**

**GREETING**

**INVOCATION**

**HYMN #326**

*For All the Saints*

Sine Nomine

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**God of mercy, whose loving-kindness endures forever: we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love; to care for others as we care for ourselves; to forgive and accept forgiveness. We remember good intentions that were not put into actions; harsh words that were hurtful; selfish purposes that caused pain; persistent pride that would not yield. We acknowledge our fear in the face of death and our failure to accept the hope you offer us in Christ.**

**Forgive us, Lord, and help us to forgive others; heal us from the pain of self-condemnation; free us from the burden of failures that cannot be corrected; renew us with your loving assurance that our sins have been forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

**One:** Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**All:** **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**PSALM 23 (unison)**

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**Psalm 90:1-6  
John 11:25-26  
Matthew 11:28-30  
Romans 8:34-35**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**MEDITATION**

**REMEMBRANCES**

**PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN #836**

*Abide with Me*

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Officiant: Rev. Greer S. Imbrie  
Organist: Kevin McGill**

Elizabeth Craig Crawford Uhlman peacefully passed away on October 9, 2024 in Gahanna Ohio. She was born August 6, 1926 in Troy, Ohio to Ruth Frisbie Crawford and Dr. Porter James Crawford. Elizabeth's parents were quite adventurous and traveled to Brazil with her and her two older brothers prior to Elizabeth's second birthday. The Crawford family lived in various Brazilian cities for six years and then moved to Baltimore, MD for a year before venturing south again, this time to Panama and eventually Cuba. After graduation from high school in Havana, Liz attended Swarthmore College near Philadelphia, PA. She graduated in 1947 and was hired to teach elementary students at Maumee Valley Country Day School in Toledo.

Liz married Fred Uhlman, Jr. in Bowling Green, Ohio on July 6, 1949. The couple made their home in Bowling Green where they raised their four children. They can attest that she was the best mama bear ever, always fiercely protective, full of wisdom and unwavering love. Jane (Sean) Maxfield, Bill (Rachel Westlake) Uhlman, Betsy (John Brittan) Uhlman, and Jim (Susan) Uhlman survive to cherish her memory. She is also survived by nine grandchildren: Anne, Mary, Emily, Briar, Rebecca, JB, Grace, Andrew, and Jack as well as seven precious great grandchildren, dear nieces and nephews, and many friends. Everyone who knew Liz was blessed by her kindness and compassionate spirit.

Liz not only poured her life into her family and friends, but also into the Bowling Green community at large. She was very civic minded and belonged to the Children Conservation League and Sorosis. She served on the Wood County Health Planning Association board, Northwest Ohio Health Planning Association board, Home Health Advisory board, and volunteered for the American Cancer Society, Red Cross, and Meals on Wheels. She cared about good government and volunteered for local, state, and national candidates and campaigned for school levies. Liz initiated and organized The International Visitors Host Committee for foreign students at Bowling Green State University and hosted many international students in her home. Her main focus, however, was her church where she taught Sunday school and vacation Bible school, sang in the choir, served as an elder, and performed many other acts of service. Additionally, she served on the Presbyterian Mission Review Board as a representative of her local church.

After Fred retired, he and Liz began to travel far and wide. They visited six continents and renewed acquaintances with some of their BGSU international students. They spent a portion of every winter on Sanibel Island in Florida, where they hosted their children and grandchildren each Christmas. Many summers, Fred and Liz even chose to vacation with the same group of energetic youngsters. After Fred passed away in 2010, Liz began to slow down a little bit but still continued her Sanibel winters, hosting her family there and in Bowling Green. When COVID struck in March 2020, she entered Sunrise Senior Living Residence in Gahanna to be closer to the Jays, as Fred called their oldest and youngest children.

The Jays and the Bees thank the employees of Sunrise of Gahanna for the excellent care that they provided Liz in her waning days. Special thanks go to Debbie, Deborah, Kathy, Belay, Yolanda, the concierge crew, and of course David Dusseau with his sidekicks Buddy and Maggie. Suncrest Hospice also deserves special mention. To honor Elizabeth's life, donations may be made to an organization very dear to her heart: Cherry Street Mission Ministries, 1501 Monroe St. Toledo, Ohio 43604.

The services will be officiated by a close family friend, Reverend Greer Imbrie, Jr. of Princeton, New Jersey.